"The Forge of Creation"

Ben 10: Ultimate Alien

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TEASER

FADE IN:

EXT./INT. AZMUTH'S TOWER - NIGHT

Close on enraged AZMUTH, his imposing face fills the screen.

1 AZMUTH You have <u>failed!</u>

New angle reveals that he's thundering at Ben, Gwen and Kevin. Ben, Kevin and Gwen are hangdog, ashamed. Ben is defiant.

2 KEVIN

Harsh.

3 AZMUTH

You had <u>four</u> opportunities to stop Aggregor from reassembling the Map of Infinity. <u>Each</u> time he bested you.

4 BEN

(cocky)

While you're doing the recap, you might want to mention all the good we did while we were chasing him.

5 GWEN

Yeah, we helped a lot of people!

6 AZMUTH

Trivialities! While you dithered about saving mere planets, Aggregor obtained the means to travel to the <u>Forge of Creation</u>, and attain the greatest power in the Universe!

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(conceding)

It does sound bad when you put it that way...

8 KEVIN

We can still stop him. Tell us how to get to there.

Azmuth yells in Kevin's face. Kevin draws back.

9 AZMUTH

I don't know where it is! That was the whole point of hiding it! All is lost.

Ben is strangely confident. Kevin looks over at him and smiles.

10 KEVIN You've got a plan.

11 BEN

I've got a transformation that can find The Forge of Creation, \underline{and} stop Aggregor.

Gwen realizes what Ben's going to do. She doesn't like it.

12 GWEN
Ben, are you sure you want to...?

13 BEN
I need the <u>keys</u>. Both of you.

Ben holds out his Ultimatrix arm. Reluctantly, Gwen and Kevin produce KEYS (Gwen's is on a chain around her neck, under her blouse. I don't know where Kevin was hiding his). Reluctantly, Kevin and Gwen each put a key in the Ultimatrix.

- 14 AZMUTH What is this?
- 15 KEVIN

 Ben had me build a <u>security system</u>
 into the Ultimatrix.
- 16 BEN
 Didn't want Albedo to ever get access to this one.
- Or worse, to accidentally change into it in the middle of a fight.

Ben looks at Kevin and Gwen and nods.

18 BEN Do it.

Kevin and Gwen turn the keys at the same time. The Ultimatrix LIGHTS UP in a way it never has before.

19 ULTIMATRIK Transformation lock out, overridden. Transformation Ten now

available.

ALIEN X shows up on the dial. Ben slaps the Ultimatrix and TRANSFORMS into ALIEN X, who stands motionless, but powerful.

20 ALIEN X

(Ben with Godlike Reverb)

Alien X!

FADE OUT.

END OF TEASER

ACT ONE

FADE IN:

INT. AZMUTH'S TOWER - MOMENTS LATER

ALIEN X stands immobile, Azmuth, Kevin and Gwen stare at it.

21 AZMUTH

(hopeful)

It could work! Alien X can do

anything!

2.2 GWEN

Only if Ben can convince Alien X to

cooperate.

23 KEVIN

Yep. That's all he has to do.

INT. ALIEN X'S MIND - NIGHT

Ben stands before the floating heads of SERENA and BELICUS (Reuse from "X = Ben Plus Two"). Serena SMILES warmly, genuinely pleased to see him.

24 SERENA

Ben Tennyson!

(to Belicus)

Motion to greet our honored Guest

and hear him out.

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25	BELICUS Motion denied. Motion to ignore him for a thousand years, at which point we set him on fire for a second thousand years.
26	SERENA Belicus, vengeance is not our way.
27	BELICUS Vengeance is <u>absolutely</u> my way.
28	SERENA I know he hurt your feelings when he abandoned us. He hurt mine too
29	BEN (anxious) Yeah, I'm totally sorry. I need your power to save
30	BELICUS I don't care.
31	SERENA We <u>have</u> to vote on it
32	BELICUS Point of order! We don't have to do anything unless we both agree.
33	BEN This is bigger than you and me. The whole universe is at stake.
34	BELICUS And?
35	SERENA You're being obstinate, Dear.
36	BELICUS Am not.
37	SERENA Are too.
38	BELICUS Am not.

Ben FACEPALMS. When Ben takes his hand away, PROFESSOR PARADOX is there, smiling broadly.

39 PARADOX

Hello!

40 BEN

Professor Paradox?

41 PARADOX

You will not convince Serena and Belicus to help you, not today.

Paradox indicates and Ben look up at Serena and Belicus, who are still arguing.

42 BELICUS

Am not.

43 SERENA

Are t--

Serena looks down, noticing Paradox for the first time, she's actually pissed.

44 SERENA (cont'd)

Timewalker! You are not welcome, here.

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45 BELICUS

Agreed! Resolved: Punish Paradox for ignoring the treaty between him and the Celestial Sapiens race.

46 SERENA

Seconded!

47 PARADOX

(explaining)

I'm not supposed to go within 500 light-years of them.

48 BELICUS

Resolved: <u>Destroy</u> Professor

Paradox.

49 PARADOX

It's time to leave.

50 BEN

But I have to convince them to--

Ben and Paradox VANISH in a FLASH OF LIGHT.

INT. AZMUTH'S TOWER - NIGHT

As Kevin, Gwen and Gwen look on, Alien X REVERTS to BEN as Paradox APPEARS beside him. Ben is bewildered.

51 BEN

You <u>made</u> me change back?

52 PARADOX

You want to go to the Forge of Creation. I'm here to take you

there.

53 GWEN

How? It's hidden.

54 PARADOX

True, but I'm the one who hid it.

55 AZMUTH

This has gone far enough, Paradox!

Paradox doesn't like being shouted at. He stares cooly at Azmuth, who backs down.

56 PARADOX

Has it?

57 AZMUTH

(entreating)

Granted, he achieved far more than I'd believed possible, but trusting that boy with the Omnitrix was a grave mistake.

Kevin looks at Ben and NODS, agreeing with Azmuth. Ben looks at Kevin and frowns.

58 PARADOX

Not a mistake. You know the reasons why.

Ben, Gwen and Kevin listen wide-eyed as Azmuth's revelations sink in.

59 AZMUTH

Yes. You told me of his grand destiny, that he was the legendary being who will some day--

Paradox puts one finger to his lips and "shushes" Azmuth.

60 PARADOX

<SHHHH!> No spoilers.

Paradox looks over at Ben, smiling, then looks back at Azmuth.

PARADOX (cont'd)

For that glorious future to occur,

we must first survive the current
crisis.

AZMUTH

It's too much! The child <u>cannot</u> win this time!

63 PARADOX (brightly)

And I say he can. Won't it be <u>fun</u> to find out who's right?

You guys want to stop talking about me like I'm not here?

Kevin steps forward, crossing his arms.

65 KEVIN
What he said. We're gonna do this.
You gonna help?

GWEN
You can start by telling us what the Forge of Creation <u>is</u>.

PARADOX
It is the source of the universe's greatest power. It's where ideas become real.

68 AZMUTH
The Forge of Creation is where
Celestial Sapiens like Alien X are
born.

69 GWEN (awed)

It sounds beautiful.

70 KEVIN
(less impressed)
Anyway, it doesn't sound like a problem.

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71 PARADOX

Aggregor intends to absorb the abilities of a newborn celestial sapien. Should he succeed, he will become omnipotent.

72 BEN

Okay. That sounds like a problem.

73 PARADOX

I believe that with the help of your friends you can stop this. Will you try?

74 BEN

You have to ask?

Paradox beams at Ben.

75 PARADOX

If we're going to get there in time, we'll have to have already left. Off we go!

All But Azmuth DISAPPEAR in a FLASH OF LIGHT.

EXT. THE VOID BETWEEN UNIVERSES - NIGHT

A FLASH OF LIGHT and the RUSTBUCKET III is suddenly travelling in an empty black void.

INT. RUSTBUCKET III - SPACE

Kevin pilots the craft, Ben and Gwen are seated, Paradox stands calmly. Kevin looks up from his instruments.

76 KEVIN

Where are we? There's nothing on my instruments.

77 PARADOX

Understandable. There's nothing outside either.

Paradox points out of the PORT.

78 PARADOX (cont'd)

See that faint glow in the

distance?

OUT THE PORT

In the pitch blackness far away, is a tiny, dim REDDISH SMEAR OF LIGHT.

79 GWEN

A star?

80 PARADOX

Actually, it's the Universe. We're in the space <u>beyond</u>.

81 GWEN Then what's that?

Gwen points at an equally tiny, dim BLUISH SMEAR OF LIGHT, this one far ahead of them. Paradox frowns as he finds it distasteful.

82 PARADOX

That is the next universe over. I don't like it at all, the Physics are <u>terribly</u> counterintuitive.

83 KEVIN

Wait. I thought the universe was everything.

84 PARADOX

A common error of the parochial mind. There's always more to reality than one imagines.

As Kevin tries to take it in.

PARADOX (cont'd) We've arrived. Full stop.

86 GWEN

Relative to what?

87 PARADOX

Excellent point, actually.

88 BEN

I still don't see anything.

89 PARADOX

That's because it's enclosed by a Chronal Randomization Barrier. It is out of sync with all time, and without the Map of Infinity, totally inaccessible.

Paradox GRINS big.

EXT. FORGE OF CREATION - SPACE

The ship is in an empty, black void, when suddenly they are surrounded by a SPECTACULARLY COLORFUL NEBULA.

90 PARADOX (O.S.)
Unless, of course, you're me...

INT. RUSTBUCKET III - SPACE

All react to the beautiful Nebula on the screen. Gwen can't believe it. Kevin, Ben and Gwen stare, amazed.

PARADOX
Inside this hidden nebula is the birthplace of a bouncing baby Alien X. And while it is a truly adorable creature--

92 BEN
--We can't let Aggregor touch it.
Let's do this.

Paradox turns away from the screen and towards Ben. The Nebula FADES into invisibility again.

PARADOX
This is as far as I can go.

94 KEVIN
With all your powers, why don't you just like, snap your fingers or something and fix all this?

95 GWEN
You could go back in time and stop
Aggregor before he gets the map.

PARADOX

If only it were that simple. There are places I cannot go, and things I cannot do.

97 KEVIN But Ben can?

Paradox smiles.

PARADOX
I've opened a portal through the
Barrier, and arranged for lifesupport.

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While inside, you will not need air, nor will you feel discomfort from heat or cold.

99 BEN

Then we can't be killed?

100 PARADOX

You most certainly can.

100a BEN

Awww...

100b PARADOX

A fact Aggregor will be attempting to prove as soon as he becomes aware you're here.

Paradox VANISHES.

101 KEVIN

(yelling to Paradox)

Hey! How are we supposed to find the... oh.

EXT. VOID - NIGHT

We can see in the void in front of the Rustbecket, a JAGGED TEAR IN SPACE, rimmed by energy. Inside we can see a sliver of the COLORFUL NEBULA.

102 KEVIN (O.S.)

Never mind. Found the nebula....

The Rustbucket heads carefully for the Jagged Tear, it's the small opening in the glowing Chronal Randomization Barrier.

INT./EXT. RUSTBUCKET III - CONTINUOUS

All react to an IMPACT.

103 BEN/KEVIN/GWEN

<impact>

104 GWEN

You hit something?

105 KEVIN

Something hit us!

The cabin <SHUDDERS> again.

106 BEN/KEVIN/GWEN

<impact>

Gwen sees it on the screen Aggregor's BATTLE ROBOTS are flying through space, smashing into the hull.

107 GWEN

Aggregor's battle robots! He knows we're here.

108 KEVIN

Tryin' to drive....

Uneasy Ben looks up at the BUCKLING ROOF.

109 BEN

Good luck with that.

The robots TEAR THROUGH the roof of the hull and swarm in. Gwen immediately hits a couple with her ENERGY DISKS.

110 GWEN

<efforts>

But there's too many. One of the Robots grabs Kevin.

111 KEVIN

<impact> Get offa me!

Gwen BLASTS the offending Robot away.

112 GWEN

<effort>

Kevin grabs the yoke again but it's too late. The ship's out of control.

113 KEVIN

<effort>

THE RUSTBUCKET

CRASHES into the edge of the Chronal Displacement Field. It's WEDGED into the opening.

114 BEN/KEVIN/GWEN

<impact>

Kevin pulls on the throttle, the ship <RUMBLES> but is held fast.

BEN/KEVIN/GWEN (cont'd)

We're wedged in!

The robots continue to swarm in, nor firing BLASTS at Kevin, Gwen erects and ENERGY SHIELD, it's holding, but CRACKS are forming.

116 GWEN

Ben...?

Ben hits the Ultimatrix and TRANSFORMS into TERRASPIN.

117 TERRASPIN

Terraspin!

TERRASPIN

Leaps into action, using his shell to block blasts, and wading into the Robots, throwing punches that smash the attackers with a single blow.

118 TERRASPIN (cont'd) <efforts and impacts>

But the Robots keep coming, eventually dogpiling Terraspin, who is lost in the pile.

119 GWEN
Get off of him! <efforts>

Gwen blasts three of the robots, but Terraspin is still buried under the pile of robots, until...

THE ROBOTS IN THE PILE

Begin to swirl around, faster and faster. They're caught in a vortex, rising until we can see...

TERRASPIN, standing in the middle of the vortex that we now see is coming from his chest. With a final, big effort--

120 TERRASPIN

<effort>

Terraspin's vortex swirls the robots OUT OF THE HOLE in the ceiling and out into deep space. Gwen is impressed.

121 GWEN

Nice.

122 KEVIN

That's what I was gonna say.

Terraspin REVERTS back to BEN.

123 BEN

Aggregor's already here. We've got to get moving.

Kevin looks back from the pilot's chair.

124 KEVIN

We're not going anywhere. We're

stuck.

125 BEN

So, let's get unstuck.

EXT. RUSTBUCKET III - SPACE

Ben, Kevin and Gwen, all sans spacesuits, stand on the hull. Kevin is trying to free the ship with his METAL hand, which he has morphed into a CROWBAR. Kevin is studiously avoiding the GLOWING ENERGY SIGNATURE at the edge of the rip in space (the Chronal Displacement Field).

126 GWEN

This is weird. We shouldn't be able to breathe out here.

Ben looks bored.

127 BEN

There's a big hole in the Rustbucket, we shouldn't be able to breathe in there, either.

Kevin's crowbar SLIPS.

128 KEVIN

<effort> It's no use.

Cocky Ben saunters over.

129 BEN

How about I just turn into something strong enough to shove it through? Waybig, or--

As he speaks, Ben casually leans his hand against the GLOWING EDGE of the Chronal Displacement Field, he falls INTO it, and DISSAPEARS!

129 A BEN (cont'd)

<Whoa!>

129 B KEVIN

Ben!

Gwen creates an ENERGY TENDRIL that snakes into the glow.

129 C GWEN

<effort>

Gwen's energy tendril drags a surprised Ben back out to safety.

129 D KEVIN Dude, you okay?

Ben stares at the Glowing Edge of the Time Field, fascinated.

130 BEN

That was weird. I think I saw something moving in there...

131 GWEN

You have to be more careful, Paradox told us not to touch the Time Field!

132 BEN

I do see something moving in there.

Kevin looks at Ben, concerned.

THE GLOWING ENERGY FIELD

There is, in fact, something shadowy moving inside. Growing? Or is it coming closer?

A human figure walks out of the Energy Field, it's YOUNG BEN, 10 years old, dressed as he was on the Original Series.

Kevin, Gwen and especially Ben gape in astonishment at Young Ben.

133 YOUNG BEN

Not something, someone. I'm Ben Tennyson.

FADE OUT.

END OF ACT ONE

ACT TWO

FADE IN:

EXT. SAME LOCATION - MOMENTS LATER

The two Bens peer into each other's face for a long moment, it's the "Curb Your Enthusiasm" stare of truth bit.

134 YOUNG BEN

Do I know you? You look sort of familiar.

135 BEN

Ah...

136 YOUNG BEN

(mocking)

"Ah..." First day with the new lips? Talk! Who are you? Why did you bring me here?

137 BEN

I didn't bring you here... exactly.

Young Ben balls his fists.

138 YOUNG BEN

You've got one more chance to start making sense, or I'm taking you apart!

139 BEN

Calm down, this is complicated. There's been some sort of Time Travel Acc--

140 YOUNG BEN

That's how you want to play it, fine.

With a growl, Young Ben launches himself through the air at Ben, ANIME SPEEDLINES behind him.

141 YOUNG BEN (cont'd) <attack GROWL suddenly cut off>

Wide as Ben CATCHES Young Ben in mid-air and holds him, dangling above the deck.

142 BEN

(gently)

Just let try and explain. Don't make me hurt you, okay?

Young Ben HEAD BUTTS Ben.

143 BEN (cont'd)

Ow! You little--

Ben drops him. Kevin thinks this is the funniest thing he's ever seen.

144 KEVIN

> <laughs> Watch your language, Tennyson. He's just a kid!

Young Ben turns towards the sound. YOUNG BEN'S POV as we rapidly ZOOM IN ON LAUGHING KEVIN'S FACE.

Young Ben processes what he's seeing, comes up with the answer.

145 YOUNG BEN

Kevin 11?!

146 KEVIN

I'm not eleven anymore, but yeah.

147 **GWEN**

(exasperated)

Not smart, Kevin! He thinks you're

still evil.

148 KEVIN

I'm not evil, I'm <u>nuanced</u>.

149 YOUNG BEN

Whatever you're trying to pull Levin, it's not going to work. It's

hero time!

Young Ben raises his palm over his Omnitrix and TRANSFORMS into HEATBLAST. This should be as close to the old show's transformation sequence (rocks growing up his arm, et cetera) as we can get. Can we alter our Alan Albright Heatblast model to look more like the old show's version of Heatblast?

YOUNG HEATBLAST fires FLAMES at Kevin.

150 YOUNG HEATBLAST

<attack>

Gwen blocks the flames with an ENERGY SHIELD.

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151 GWEN

<effort>

Angry Kevin ABSORBS the Rustbucket's deck and ARMORS UP.

152 KEVIN

Little Juvenile Delinquent! Try and set me on fire...!

153 YOUNG HEATBLAST

You're right. I've got a better idea.

Young Heatblast MELTS the deck at Kevin's feet and he FALLS THROUGH the hole.

154 KEVIN

<falling cry, then impact>

155 GWEN

Kevin!

Young Heatblast turns to Gwen.

156 YOUNG HEATBLAST

Who's next?

157 BEN (O.S.)

Since you need to cool off, I vote

Big Chill.--

Young Heatblast turns towards the sound. It's Ben, hand hovering above his Ultimatrix. Ben ACTIVATES the Ultimatrix and TRANSFORMS into NRG.

158 NRG

NRG!

(exasperated)
Can I catch a break?

159 YOUNG HEATBLAST

I'll break something for you!

Young Heatblast PUNCHES NRG off of his feet, he skids backwards, gouging the deck, until he's stopped by a protrusion.

159a YOUNG HEATBLAST (cont'd)

<punch effort>

160 NRG

<Impact>

Young Heatblast runs over to the downed NRG and leaps in the air, fist cocked for a big punch. NRG BLASTS Young Heatblast in mid-leap with the triple beams from his eye grill.

161 YOUNG HEATBLAST <impact>

Young Heatblast goes sailing through the void. Gwen creates an ENERGY TENDRIL that snakes out and grabs Heatblast's foot, then tows him back to the deck.

162 GWEN

Be careful, Ben! It's dangerous out here.

Young Heatblast stalks NRG.

YOUNG HEATBLAST Not as dangerous as me!

Young Heatblast's Omnitrix goes RED and TIMES OUT. He REVERTS to YOUNG BEN just as he gets to NRG. NRG folds his arms and stares down at Young Ben.

164 NRG

I can see that.

165 YOUNG BEN

You think I'm afraid of you?

166 NRG

Remarkably, no.

167 GWEN

Look at me, Ben. You recognized Kevin, you <u>must</u> know who I am.

Young Ben peers at her. It's true.

168 YOUNG BEN

Dweeb. What happened to you?

Kevin is climbing out of the hole on cue:

169 KEVIN

Puberty.

170 NRG

You've traveled in time. That's Gwen, that's Kevin. And I'm you.

Ben <KNOCKS> on NRG's metal grill.

171 YOUNG BEN
Please. I would never turn into anything that lame.

172 NRG <sighs>

NRG quickly REVERTS TO BEN.

173 BEN
I'm you. Six years later.

Young Ben looks at Ben, then over at Kevin.

174 BEN (cont'd)
And Kevin 11 is a good guy now.

175 GWEN Things change, Ben.

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YOUNG BEN
They don't change that much.
(to Kevin)
I got my eye on you.

177 KEVIN
(amused)
I'm quaking in my boots, pipsqueak.

Ben and Gwen watch Young Ben give Kevin the stinkeye.

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BEN

Maybe if I touch the time field again, it'll send him home.

179 GWEN

Or it'll make a 21 year-old you to add to the set.

180 YOUNG BEN Awesome!

181 GWEN So not awesome.

BEN
Guess we'll let Paradox sort this out, after.

183 KEVIN
After what? We're still stuck.

Grinning Young Ben holds up his once-again GREEN Omnitrix.

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184 YOUNG BEN

No problemo. I'm all recharged.

Young Ben activates the Omnitrix and TRANSFORMS into WILDMUTT.

185 WILDMUTT

<Growls>

Wildmutt lopes over to the edge of the Chronal field and <CHOMPS> on the metal of the ship's wing, taking a big cartoon BITE out of it. He trots over with a mouthful of the ships hull and <spits> it out at Kevin's feet.

186 WILDMUTT (cont'd)

<ptoo!>

BEN reaches over to Wildmutt's Omnitrix and manually REVERTS him to Young Ben.

187 YOUNG BEN

Hey! How'd you do that?

188 BEN

You should always keep it locked.

189 KEVIN

(seething)

You took a bite out of my ship.

Young Ben looks at the big hole the robots put in the deck earlier.

190 YOUNG BEN

It's not like I put the first dent in it. Anyway, you can always go out and steal another one.

191 BEN

Did I really used to be that

obnoxious?

192 GWEN

(smiling)

<u>Used</u> to be?

EXT. THE FORGE OF CREATION - SPACE

The Rustbucket III clears the hole in the CDF and suddenly we're in a beautiful STARFIELD, that as we move, resolves into the gigantic SLEEPING BODIES OF CELESTIAL SAPIENS.

INT. RUSTBUCKET III - NIGHT

All watch the amazing sight on the screen. They'yr piscking their way through the gigantic bodies of sleeping Celestial Sapiens.

193 BEN

(sotto)

Celestial Sapiens spend almost all of their time debating. It takes a lot to get their attention, and that's fine. We don't want it.

194 YOUNG BEN

Why not?

195 KEVIN

(sotto)

They could just <u>blink</u> and we'd be gone.

Gwen puts a hand on Young Ben's shoulder.

196 GWEN

(sotto)

So let's be <u>quiet</u>. We don't want to disturb them.

Young Ben tries. He's quiet for a long beat, then it explodes out of him:

197 YOUNG BEN

How can we breathe with no air? Where's Grandpa Max? If this is the Future, does everybody have Jetpacks? Who won the last five World Series? Seriously though, where are the Jetpacks?

198 GWEN

Ben!

Gwen holds out her hand.

199 GWEN (cont'd)

No more sugar. Give.

Young Ben tries to look innocent. He's over acting.

200 YOUNG BEN I don't have any--

Off Gwen's icy glare, he drops the facade, produces several candy bars and hands them to her.

201	GWEN Thank you.		
202	YOUNG BEN Your butt is huge.		
203	GWEN What did you say?		
204	KEVIN He said your butt		
205	GWEN I heard him!		
206	YOUNG BEN It was just an observation.		
207	GWEN You were trying to hurt my feelings.		
208	YOUNG BEN How'd I do, big butt?		
209	GWEN You know, I'd almost forgotten what a jerk you used to be.		
210	YOUNG BEN Not your fault, Dweeb. with a butt that big you probably aren't getting enough blood to your brain.		
211	BEN Where do you get off talking to your friends like that?		
212	YOUNG BEN I'm ten years old. What's your excuse.		
Kevin snaps at Young Ben.			
213	KEVIN Everything's not a game. What we do is <u>important</u> . If you can't see that, maybe you are just a kid.		

Young Ben gets serious for a moment.

214 YOUNG BEN

You think I don't know? When it's hero time, if I mess up, somebody could die. From what you told me, if we mess up this time, everybody could die.

215 GWEN

That's right.

216 YOUNG BEN

Maybe that's too much to have in your head when you have to win. Maybe if I pretend everything's a big joke, when the time comes, I'll be able to do what I have to do.

Gwen looks over at Ben, who's embarrassed.

217 GWEN

Is that why you're so arrogant all the time? Because you're scared?

218 BEN

(covering)

No. I'm actually oblivious.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT./EXT. RUSTBUCKET - NIGHT

Later. The Rustbucket is still moving through the Nebula.

Young Ben is twisting the dial on Ben's Ultimatrix, peering at the Holograms.

219 YOUNG BEN

--Dumb. Lame. Weak. I guess this one's okay...

He looks up at Ben.

220 YOUNG BEN (cont'd)

How'd you break the Omnitrix again?

221 BEN

I didn't break it, exactly. I--

But Young Ben has already lost interest, he calls out to Kevin.

222 YOUNG BEN Are we there yet?

223 KEVIN

Yeah. I think we are.

ON THE SCREEN

A gargantuan ALIEN X FEMALE, with a bright glowing light cradled in her immense, cupped palms.

224 **GWEN**

What's that in her hands?

EXT. ALIEN X MOM - SPACE

The Rustbucket approaches the Alien X Female.

225 BEN (O.S.)

A baby Alien X.

INT.RUSTBUCKET III - NIGHT

All are awed by the Alien X Mom.

226 YOUNG BEN

Where do baby Alien X's come from?

227 KEVIN

> When two constellations love each other very much-

228 **GWEN**

Kevin!

229 KEVIN

> Just trying to help the kid out. I had to learn about Astrophysics on the streets.

The banter is interrupted by the ship taking a HIT from an ENERGY BEAM, it punches right through.

230 BEN/GWEN/KEVIN/YOUNG BEN

<impact>

231 KEVIN

We're hit!

More BLASTS rake the ship. The cabin begins to VIBRATE.

232 BEN

Take us down.

233 KEVIN

That's where we're going, the engines are out.

Cocky Young Ben reaches for the controls.

234 YOUNG BEN

Move! I'll land it!

Kevin bellows in his face.

235 KEVIN

<u>sit!</u>

236 YOUNG BEN

Sitting.

EXT. ALIEN X MOM'S HANDS - SPACE

The Rustbucket CRASHES on the plain of stars that make up Alien X Mom's palm. It's a bad one. Finally the wreck is still, and smoldering. Nothing could have survived that.

FADE OUT

END OF ACT TWO

ACT THREE

FADE IN:

SAME LOCATION - MOMENTS LATER

A moment of silence, then <BOOM> THE DOOR IS BLOWN OUT FROM THE INSIDE. It's two FOURARMS, the classic one, and the current, bigger version, standing side by side. They're badass. YOUNG FOURARMS looks at his Omnitrix.

237 YOUNG FOURARMS
I was going for Upgrade.

Fourarms looks at his Ultimatrix.

238 FOURARMS

Huh. I was going for Big Chill.

239 YOUNG FOURARMS

How much stronger do I get when I'm

older?

240 FOURARMS

A lot.

Kevin points at the sky.

241 KEVIN

Incoming!

IN THE SKY

Flying fast with the glowing MAP OF INFINITY grasped in one fist, is AGGREGOR. He fires multiple blasts, Waterhazard's Firehose, NRG's nuclear blasts, Terraspin's cyclone blasts, and AmpFibian's electrical blasts.

ON THE GROUND

Gwen puts up an ENERGY SHIELD.

242 GWEN

<effort>

But the shield SHATTERS under Aggregor's multiple attacks.

243 GWEN (cont'd)

<impact>

The heroes DODGE the blasts, as Aggregor LANDS.

244 AGGREGOR

I can't imagine how you managed to beat me here, Tennyson, but it doesn't matter. I'm going to kill you, and take the ultimate prize.

Aggregor indicates the GLOWING BALL in the distance, the one we saw in the palm of the Alien X Mom's hands.

245 YOUNG FOURARMS

And they say <u>I</u> talk too much! <effort>

Young Fourarms PUNCHES Aggregor from his blind side.

246 AGGREGOR

<impact>

Aggregor catches Young Fourarm's wrist and THROWS him into Fourarms and Kevin.

247 FOURARMS/KEVIN

<impact>

Gwen manages to DODGE Young Fourarms, then throws a fusillade of ENERGY DISKS at Aggregor.

248 GWEN

<efforts>

The disks impact Aggregor but dissipate on contact.

249 AGGREGOR

Your manna attacks can't touch me.

250 GWEN

I don't want to touch you. I just want to get rid of you! <u>Itum</u>.

Gwen's incantation opens a swirling Mystic portal behind Aggregor, who resists its pull.

251 AGGREGOR

<effort> A valiant effort, girl.
But I'm not falling into your trap.

Kevin touches a piece of Metal Debris from the Rustbucket and ARMORS UP.

252 KEVIN

What if I give you a push?

Kevin FLYING TACKLES Aggregor, driving both of them into the Portal.

253 KEVIN/AGGREGOR

<impact>

254 GWEN

Kevin, don't!

Too late. Both men fall through the Portal, and the portal CLOSES.

255 FOURARMS

Where did you send them?

Aggregor reappears in a FLASH OF LIGHT from his glowing Map of Infinity, holding unconscious Kevin with his free hand. He lets Kevin fall to the ground.

256 KEVIN

<keep alive>

257 AGGREGOR

To the Null Void, infinitely far from here, but distance means nothing while I hold the Map of Infinity.

258 GWEN

Kevin?

259 AGGREGOR

Worry about yourself.

Aggregor blasts Gwen HARD with Armodrillo's EARTHQUAKE VIBRATORY WAVES. She's slammed backwards through the air, very hard.

260 GWEN

<2 IMPACTS, then KEEP ALIVE>

She's out for the count.

261 YOUNG FOURARMS

Leave her alone! <efforts>

Young Forearms Attacks, throwing multiple blows at Aggregor. Aggregor Levitates high into the air, carrying a still-punching Young Forearms with him.

Aggregor grabs Young Fourarms and THROWS HIM TO THE GROUND

YOUNG FOURARMS (cont'd) <FALLING, then IMPACT>

Fourarms goes over to the crater to tend to Young Forearms as Aggregor calls down to him.

263 AGGREGOR

It's <u>over</u>, Tennyson. All of your friends have fallen.

Young Fourarms talks to Fourarms.

264 YOUNG FOURARMS

(weak)

Can't fight him like this. Shoulda picked a flyer.

265 FOURARMS

Not a bad idea.

Fourarms manipulates Young Fourarm's Omnitrix and Young Fourarms TRANSFORMS into STINKFLY.

266 STINKFLY

Stinkfly? How'd you...?

267 FOURARMS

You'll learn how to do it later.

Give me some cover.

As Stinkfly FLIES up BLASTING away at Aggregor, Fourarms ACTIVATES his Ultimatrix and TRANSFORMS in rapid succession into SWAMPFIRE.

268 SWAMPFIRE

Swampfire!

He ACTIVATES it again and becomes ULTIMATE SWAMPFIRE.

269 ULTIMATE SWAMPFIRE

Ultimate Swampfire!

IN THE AIR

Flying around him at high speed, dodging Aggregor's attacks and scoring with his own, Stinkfly has forced Aggregor down, closer to the ground.

270 STINKFLY

(to Ultimate Swampfire)

Plant guy? Just a copy of Wildvine.

271 ULTIMATE SWAMPETRE

Sure. Remember the time Wildvine

did this?

Ultimate Swampfire scatters a handful of seeds which GROW into vines that reach up and ENTANGLE Aggregor, yanking him to the ground.

272 AGGREGOR <STRUGGLES, then IMPACT>

Ultimate Swampfire pulls off a couple of his NAPALM SACS and throws them at Aggregor, they EXPLODE, engulfing Aggregor in flames.

273 AGGREGOR (cont'd)

<impact>

Aggregor rises from the flames and blasts Stinkfly out of the air with a CYCLONE.

2.74 STINKFLY <impact, then "whoa!>

Stinkfly crashes into the ground then REVERTS to an unconscious Young Ben.

275 YOUNG BEN

<keep alive>

Aggregor fires AmpPhibian's electrical blast at Swampfire. Swampfire shudders under the arc, and falls face down, REVERTING to unconscious Ben.

276 ULTIMATE SWAMPFIRE <pained Cry>

Aggregor, turns Ben over with his foot. Ben's out for the count.

277 BEN <keep alive>

2.78 AGGREGOR

> And now, the ultimate power is mine.

Aggregor walks towards the glowing ball of light. Young Ben climbs to his hands and knees, trying to get up. He's about to Activate his Omnitrix, but it's RED.

279 YOUNG BEN

It's timed out!

Young Ben shakes unconscious Kevin.

280 YOUNG BEN (cont'd)

Wake up! You can still stop him!

281 KEVIN

<wake up moan> What?

282 YOUNG BEN

You can absorb my Omnitrix like you did before. You'll have all my powers.

Young Ben offers Kevin his Omnitrix.

283 KEVIN

No. If I'm doing this, I better go with the A-Game.

Kevin passes up Young Ben's Omnitrix and instead touches the unconscious Ben's Ultimatrix. Kevin TRANSFORMS.

284 KEVIN (cont'd)

<pained CRY>

It's frightening, Kevin looks unhinged as he becomes ULTIMATE KEVIN, an adult version of Kevin 11, this time made up of Ben's modern transformations. With the big light show we still haven't gotten a good look at Kevin's new form.

EXT./INT THE BALL OF LIGHT - SPACE

Aggregor enters the ball of light, and now he sees his target, a peacefully-slumbering STAR CHILD, a baby Alien X. He reaches out his hand to touch it...

285 AGGREGOR

Finally, the <u>universe</u> at my fingertips...

And something grabs his wrist.

286 ULTIMATE KEVIN

Hands off the baby.

It's EVIL KEVIN, fully transformed.

287 AGGREGOR

Levin?

288 ULTIMATE KEVIN

Remember when you told me our people's laws against absorbing energy were lies to control the weak?

Ultimate Kevin unleashes a relentless attack on Aggregor, blasting him with fire, and various energy beams from Ben's arsenal.

289		AGGREGOR
	<multiple< td=""><td>IMPACTS></td></multiple<>	IMPACTS>

Aggregor is tries to fight, but finally goes down. Ultimate Kevin lifts his limp body over head, pressing him.

290 UlTIMATE KEVIN
Let's see who's weak after I take
your powers, too.

Ultimate Kevin ABSORBS Aggregor's powers, and Aggregor REVERTS to his ORIGINAL APPEARANCE. Ultimate Kevin lets him fall to the ground, humanoid and helpless. Ultimate Kevin cocks a huge fist, he's about to pulverize Aggregor.

Ben, Gwen, and Young Ben have arrived.

- 292 ULTIMATE KEVIN
 When I <u>finish</u> him? <u>Then</u> it'll be enough.
- 293 GWEN
 That's not you talking. Absorbing energy makes Osmosians lose control.
- 294 ULTIMATE KEVIN
 Yeah? Well I <u>like</u> being out of
 control. Maybe <u>I</u> should absorb the
 Alien X power for <u>myself</u>.

Ultimate Kevin turns towards the Star Child.

- 295 BEN
 I can't let you do that, Kevin.
- 296

 ULTIMATE KEVIN

 You can't stop me either. I deserve that power. I'm the one who gets turned into a monster. I'm the one nobody ever trusts, or cares about.
- 297 GWEN That's not true!

298 ULTIMATE KEVIN

Face it Gwen, whatever I look like, I'm a freak!

Defiant Young Ben steps between Kevin and the Star Child

299 YOUNG BEN

You're a jerk. You've always been a jerk. People try to be nice to you, but you can't ever see it. You're too busy feeling sorry for yourself.

Kevin raises his huge fist, he's about to smash Young Ben, who actually flinches. Young Ben trembles with fear. But Kevin lets his fist fall.

300 KEVIN

Maybe I'll try it your way, Kid. At least for today. But tomorrow?

Kevin flies away.

301 GWEN

Kevin!

302 BEN

He's crazier than he was before.

Paradox APPEARS in a flash of light.

303 PARADOX

A problem for another day. Today, you've saved the universe. And it's time to go home.

Paradox turns to Young Ben.

304 PARADOX (cont'd)

Particularly you, my impetuous

young friend.

305 YOUNG BEN

I'm going to forget everything that happened, aren't I?

Young Ben indicates Ben.

306 YOUNG BEN (cont'd)

I mean, he doesn't remember.

307 PARADOX

You'll think it was a dream. But one day, you'll remember it dimly, and trust Kevin when you shouldn't. And he'll respond to that trust, and help save the universe.

308 BEN

(bitter)

And then turn evil again.

309 PARADOX

The story isn't over, Ben. When the moment comes, you'll do what needs to be done. That is your great gift.

Gwen kneels down and kisses Young Ben on the cheek.

310 GWEN

Goodbye, Ben. Try being nicer to your cousin. <kiss>

Young Ben is mortified. He blushes and begins to FADE AWAY.

311 YOUNG BEN

Aw. Why'd you have to go do that...

Paradox looks at his pocket watch.

312 PARADOX

We must also take our leave, before the locals take notice of my presence.

313 GWEN

What about Kevin?

Gwen can't see his face. Ben looks resolved to do something bad.

314 BEN

Don't worry, Gwen. I'll take care of him.

FADE OUT.

END OF EPISODE